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SUBJECT: APPLICABILITY OF IMPORT FEES TO CRUDE OIL AND
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM VENEZUELA

REF: CARACAS 514; CARACAS 985

1. US IMPORT FEES ON CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
OF ONE DOLLAR PER BARREL BECAME EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1.
ADDITIONAL ONE DOLLAR FEES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON
MARCH 1 AND APRIL 1.

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2. REFTELS SUGGEST VENEZUELAN MAY BELIEVE THEIR PRODUCTS

ARE EXEMPT FROM THESE FEES ON BASIS OF JUNE 26, 1972
EXCHANGE OF NOTES. SUCH BELIEF IS UNFOUNDED; THIS SUPPLE-
MENTAL FEE DOES APPLY TO PETROLEUM IMPORTS FROM VENEZUELA
AND IN OUR VIEW FEE IS NOT RPT NOT IN VIOLATION OF 1972
AGREEMENT.

3. ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, DEPARTMENT OFFICER ON
FEBRUARY 12 TOUCHED UPON THIS SUBJECT DURING CONVERSATION
WHICH INCLUDED, AMONG OTHER PARTICIPANTS, VENEZUELAN
PETROLEUM ATTACHE FELIX ROSSI. BOTH ROSSI AND ANOTHER
KNOWLEDGEABLE VENEZUELAN PRESENT ACCEPTED WITHOUT
CHALLENGE APPLICABILITY OF IMPORT FEE TO VENEZUELAN
OIL AND PROFESSED ATTACH LITTLE IMPORTANCE TO PUBLIC

ASSERTIONS TO CONTRARY BEING REPORTED FROM CARACAS.

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